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| SUBSTRATE | : | <i>FINAL REJECTION</i> |

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the November 1, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 5-11 and 14-22 are pending, with claims 1, 10 and 21 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.